

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Minoru Hirata	)	Group Art Unit: 1735
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Application No.: 10/586,157	)	Examiner: Jacky Yuen
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Filed: August 1, 2008	)	
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For: Molding Flask for a Molding	)	Confirmation No.: 4857
Machine and a Molding Process	)	
Using the Mold Flask	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Restriction Requirement of February 24, 2011, Applicant elects Group II and claims 13-27 for further prosecution in this application.

In response to the requirement for an election of species and in view of the elected claims, Applicant elects the following species: d1; e1; and f1. It is understood that the claims will only have to be restricted to the elected species in the event a generic claim is not found to be allowable.

Since elected claim 13 depends from a non-elected claim, a Preliminary Amendment is being filed simultaneously herewith to rewrite claim 13 in independent form and to avoid improper multiple dependency.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter this Response  
and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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